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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 21 February 1952

Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Loftus E. Becker
Presiding


*Director of Central Intelligence Agency
General Walter Bedell Smith



MEMBERS PRESENT

*Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence
Department of State
Major General A. R. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic Energy
Commission
Brigadier General Richard C. Partridge, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. W. P. Bundy, Central Intelligence Agency
, Central Intelligence Agency
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Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Mr. Howard E. Furnas, Department of State
Mr. Joseph A. Yeager, Department of State
Brigadier General John Weckerling, Department of the Army
Colonel O. B. Sykes, Department of the Army
Mr. John F. Kullgren, Department of the Army
Captain K. C. Hurd, Department of the Navy
Lieutenant Commander J. A. Meyertholen, Department of the Navy
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force
Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
Colonel J. F. Pinkney, Department of the Air Force
Colonel H. L. Kreider, The Joint Staff

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Approval of Minutes

2. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 14 February 1952, (IAC-M-60) were approved subject to the revision of paragraph 3, 2nd sentence, to read as follows:

"He referred to the recent increase of 80,000 Russian troops in East Germany bringing the total to 384,000, and the reported tentative plans to expand each of the 24 East German Alert Units from 1,800 to 4,000 - 5,000, which would increase the total strength of the force from 52,000 to approximately 120,000."

Travel Restrictions on
the Russian Officials

3. Mr. Armstrong reported that the delivery of the note to the Russians, imposing travel restrictions, had been delayed until the 28th of February with release to the Press on the 29th. This postponement came about at the request of our deputy on the NATO Standing Committee inasmuch as he attached considerable value to comparable and as nearly as possible concurrent action on the part of the other NATO countries. General Strong in response to a question indicated that this matter had been the subject of Cabinet discussion although he was not certain of the exact status.

Coordination of Intelligence
in Panama

4. Action: It was agreed to consider at the next meeting possible action to strengthen coordination of intelligence in Panama. It was understood that General Bolling would get in touch with General Morris in Panama for a report on the current practices of the services in respect of intelligence coordination. It was the tentative consensus that while coordination is certainly desirable it probably need not be accomplished through a formal mechanism. Consideration will be given to whether each agency might profitably issue an appropriate instruction to his representative in Panama which would establish a common basis for improving coordination.

5. Discussion: Mr. Armstrong called the attention of the IAC to the need for improving coordination of intelligence in Panama in view of the

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rather unique situation in which U. S. intelligence agencies have responsibilities both within the Zone and within the Republic. Ambassador Wiley, he said, is in the Department on consultation and has indicated that he felt a need for some mechanism for improving coordination. Mr. Armstrong noted that no joint Weeka was prepared at this post as it was at some others. Colonel Marchant, who had for several years served the Air Force in Panama, indicated that in his experience there had been adequate coordination among the representatives of the agencies although it had been informal, it being the habit for each representative on occasion, where coordination seemed desirable or necessary, to take his reports or problems to his colleagues for consultation or concurrence.

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6. In this connection General Samford raised the question of whether the IAC ought not consider developing a pattern for providing coordination of U. S. intelligence activities in other countries where the situation is similar, [redacted] Mr. Armstrong noted that when the Ambassador takes over from the Army [redacted] there will be a question of the continuation of the Coordinating Committee which has been established at the instigation of the IAC [redacted] He noted that the Department had been considering naming an official who would be on the staff of the Ambassador and responsible to him for coordination among the U. S. intelligence representatives [redacted] With respect to [redacted] there was general agreement that this presents a somewhat unusual situation by virtue [redacted] Mr. Armstrong noted, however, that the Ambassador had a year ago appointed a member of his staff as intelligence coordinator [redacted]

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Probable Developments in
Guatemala through 1952, and
Possible Consequences for US
Security Interests (NIE-62)

7. Action: It was agreed that because of imminent developments in Guatemala and the probable need in the near future for important policy decisions in this area, the priority on this estimate should be raised from "high" to "urgent" as proposed by General Bolling, it being understood that the target date for consideration would be March 6.

Proposed Estimate: Prospects
for the Establishment of an
Effective Middle East Command
Organization (SE-23)

8. Action: It was agreed that the estimate requested by the NSC Staff on this subject should be prepared on an "urgent" basis for consideration on 13 March.

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Intelligence Value of the
Maintenance of U. S. Missions
in Poland, Czechoslovakia,
Hungary, and Rumania (IAC-D-41/1)

9. Action: This memorandum was approved for transmission by General Smith to the Secretary of State. Mr. Keay requested that the minutes note that while the FBI was satisfied to have this letter sent as representing the views of the IAC, it deferred to the other agencies in view of the following facts: (a) the FBI has no representatives in these missions; (b) except in the case of intelligence bearing on FBI interests it does not see and therefore is not in a position to evaluate the intelligence production of these missions; and (c) although the presence of Satellite missions in the U. S. does cause the FBI considerable internal security concern it is not possible for the FBI to weigh this against the value to the Government of the intelligence advantages from our missions in the Satellites.

(N.B.) Each recipient of this document should change the classification of the document to "SECRET."

10. Discussion: Mr. Armstrong noted that the memorandum would be made available for comment to the Conference of Chiefs of Mission of the Satellite countries, to be convened in Paris on March 1.

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